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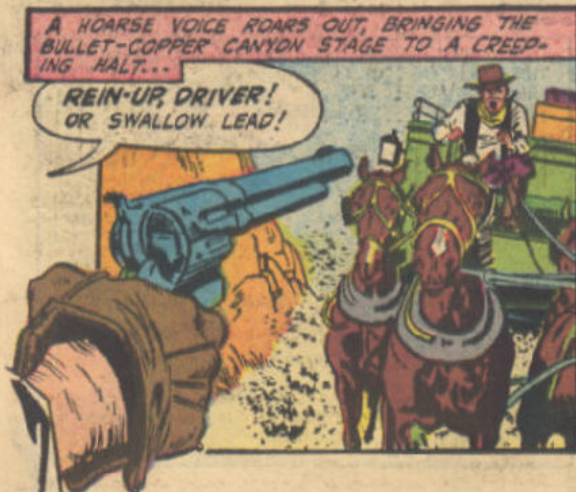
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THEY RODE OUT OF NEW MEXICO, MISSOURI AND TEXAS—ALL THREE OF THEM—ROBBERS AND KILLERS! THEY BROUGHT THEIR DEADLY GUNHANDS TO THE LITTLE TOWN OF BULLET! **BILLY THE KID!** **JESSE JAMES!** **SAM BASS!** ... ALONE AGAINST THE THREE DEADLIEST OUTLAWS OF THE ENTIRE WEST, **REDMASK** FACES OVERWHELMING ODDS; AND THEN HE STUMBLES ON THE STRANGE CLUE THAT BRINGS HIM FACE TO FACE WITH THE—

"THREE FAMOUS BADMEN"



NEXT AFTERNOON, ON THE CRACK UNION PACIFIC LIMITED—



DON'T MAKE A MOVE! I WANT YOUR MONEY!

AS THE DARING BANDIT GALLOPS AWAY, A STUNNED PINKERTON DETECTIVE CRIES OUT HOARSELY...



THAT MAN IS JESSE JAMES!

THE WORD SPREADS LIKE WILD-FIRE ACROSS THE COW CAMPS—

IF BILLY THE KID IS COMING TO BULLET, I'M GETTING OUT!



THE DANCE HALLS AND SALOONS ARE LOUD WITH WORRIED CONVERSATION...

JESSIE JAMES STOLE FIFTY THOUSAND!

NOBODY'S SAFE ANYMORE!



CALLIXTO THE GREAT MAGICIAN EXTRAORDINARY

RUMORS PENETRATE EVEN INTO THE OFFICE OF SHERIFF BEN GAGE OF BULLET—

REDMASK, HOW IN THUNDER CAN WE FIGHT TWO SUCH TOUGH OUTLAWS AS BILLY THE KID AND JESSE JAMES?

WE'LL FIND A WAY! DON'T YOU START WORRYING TOO!



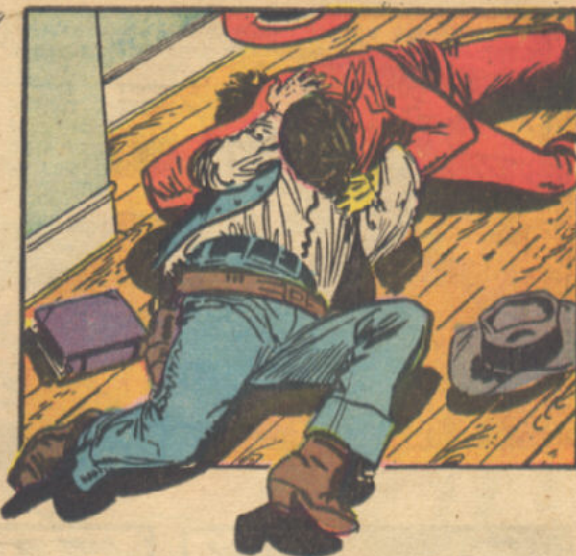
THAT NIGHT, AS REDMASK MAKES THE ROUNDS OF THE TOWN...

THE WELLS FARGO OFFICE DOOR—WIDE OPEN!



WHY, THAT'S NOT BILLY THE KID! NOR IS IT JESSE JAMES! IT'S SAM BASS...!



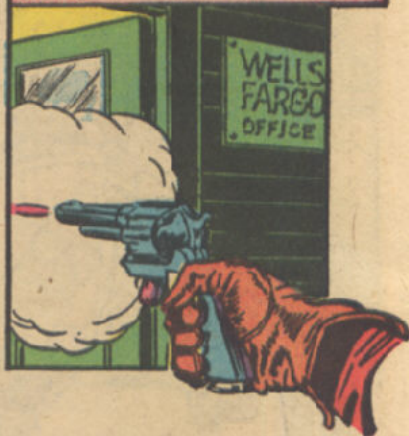


FOR TWO DAYS, REDMASK PONDERED THE PERPLEXING PROBLEM. THEN, ON THE NIGHT OF THE THIRD DAY SINCE THE ATTEMPT AT THE WELLS FARGO OFFICE SAFE...



DON'T TWITCH A FINGER, EITHER OF YOU! I'LL TAKE THAT COW HERD SALE MONEY BEFORE YOU GET A CHANCE TO PUT IT IN THE BANK!

SUDDENLY, FROM THE DARKNESS OUTSIDE THE RAILROAD DEPOT OFFICE —



WHAT — ?



THERE HE GOES, REDMASK!

CRAAASH!



HE GOT CLEAN AWAY! WHEW! NEVER THOUGHT I'D LIVE TO SEE **BILLY THE KID** RUN FROM A GUNFIGHT!

THAT'S BECAUSE **THAT** HOMBRE WASN'T THE **REAL** **BILLY THE KID**!



HUH? NOT THE REAL BILLY?

BILLY THE KID IS **LEFT-HANDED**! HE SHOOTS WITH HIS **LEFT** HAND ALL THE TIME! THAT MAN WAS **RIGHT-HANDED**! HMMM — SINCE **BILLY THE KID** WASN'T **BILLY THE KID**, MAYBE **JESSE JAMES** ISN'T **JESSE JAMES**, AND **SAM BASS** ISN'T **SAM BASS**!



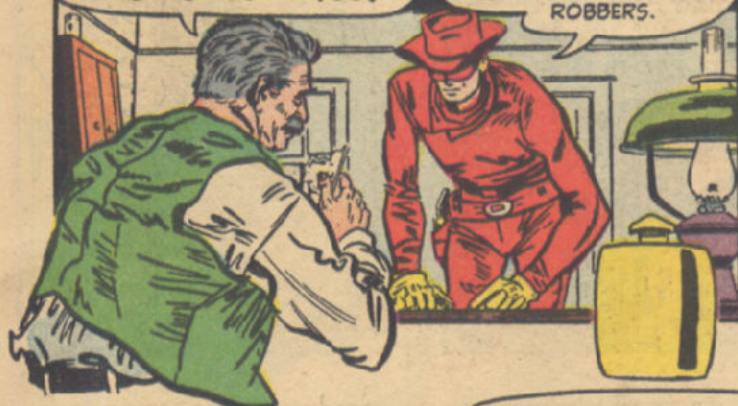
THAT DON'T MAKE SENSE!

IT DOES TO ME! LOOK HERE! A **PIECE** OF THIS **BROKEN GLASS** HAS **GREASE** ON IT...!

THE FOLLOWING MORNING IN THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE...

GREASE ON THIS PIECE OF GLASS? I SUPPOSE IT HAS SOME MEANING TO YOU?

IT CERTAINLY **DOES!** IT'S GOING TO LEAD ME RIGHT TO THE ROBBERS.



FIRST THING I'M GOING TO DO IS TALK TO JONAS ANDREWS AT THE BANK. I WANT HIM TO VISIT ALL THE SALOONS IN BULLET...



AN HOUR LATER, JONAS ANDREWS MAKES HIS ROUNDS OF THE TOWN...

YES, SIR, GENTLEMEN, ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS IN COLD CASH! GOING TO HAVE IT IN MY BANK TOMORROW AFTERNOON FOR A BIG DEAL!



THAT'S RIGHT. ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS!



TOWARD DUSK—

I DID WHAT YOU SAID— BUT I SURE HOPE YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING! SUPPOSE JESSE JAMES STOPS IN TO ROB ME?

THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I HOPE **WILL** HAPPEN, JONAS!



THE NEXT AFTERNOON AT THE BULLET BANK...

EASY DOES IT, ANDREWS! REACH UP AND GET YOUR KEYS TO THE SAFE VAULT, SLOW AND GENTLE!



GULPE JESSE JAMES!

THAT'S RIGHT! YOU KNOW I'LL SHOOT TO KILL IF YOU GIVE ME ANY TROUBLE, SO DON'T TRY ANYTHING FUNNY!



AS THE VAULT DOOR SWINGS WIDE—

REDMASK!

GLAD YOU CAME WHEN YOU DID, HOMBRE. IT WAS GETTING HOT AND STUFFY WAITING FOR YOU INSIDE THAT SAFE!

AWWF!

THAT'S A GOOD BOY— DROPPING YOUR GUN!

NOW I'M DROPPING YOU!

CRASH!

YOU'RE TOUGHER THAN I THOUGHT...!

POW!

THUD!

THEN JESSE JAMES BREAKS FREE. REDMASK'S FINGERS TOUCH HIM, AND FALL AWAY AS REDMASK TRIPS AND FALLS—

COME HERE, YOU...!

REDMASK, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? HE GOT AWAY!

I KNOW, JONAS! YOU SEE— I WANTED HIM TO GET AWAY!

IN THE BULLET HOTEL, SOMEWHAT LATER...

THAT WAS A CLOSE ONE!
I'M AFRAID REDMASK IS
GETTING WISE TO ME!



POSING AS BILLY THE
KID, JESSE JAMES AND
SAM BASS WAS A CLEVER
IDEA. THOSE MEN HAVE
SUCH TERRIBLE REPUTA-
TIONS THAT EVERYBODY
I ROBBED WAS GLAD
TO PAY ME AND SEE
ME GO! ONLY REDMASK
SHOWED FIGHT! BUT
I'M TAKING NO MORE
CHANCES!



TOMORROW MORNING I'LL
CATCH THE EIGHT O'CLOCK
TRAIN OUT OF BULLET. MY
THEATRICAL TRAINING LET
ME PLAY THE PARTS OF
THOSE WESTERN BADMEN
PERFECTLY, BUT I'VE MADE
MY HAUL, AND NOW I'M
THROUGH. NOBODY KNOWS
I'M THE MAN BEHIND
THOSE ROBBERIES, SO
I'M PERFECTLY SAFE!



NEXT MORNING CALLIXTO THE
GREAT BOARDS THE UNION
PACIFIC SPECIAL —

YES, SIR!
NOTHING CAN
HAPPEN TO
ME NOW!



THE GREASEPAINT THAT RUBBED
OFF ON THE WINDOW AS YOU
CRASHED THROUGH IT TIPPED
ME OFF SOMEONE WAS ACTING
THE PARTS OF BILLY THE KID,
JESSE JAMES AND SAM BASS.
I LAID THE TRAP AT THE BANK,
YOU FELL INTO IT. BUT I LET
YOU GO—KNOWING YOU'D KNOW
I WAS CATCHING ON TO YOU—
SO THAT YOU'D GATHER YOUR
LOOT TOGETHER ALL IN ONE
SPOT. I COULDN'T ARREST
YOU YESTERDAY FOR FEAR WE'D
NEVER RECOVER IT!



CALLIXTO, YOU'RE
UNDER ARREST!

UNDER ARREST? WHY—
YOU CAN'T PROVE A
THING!



HIS LOOT
IS ALL HERE,
REDMASK!

DURING OUR FIGHT IN THE
BANK I MARKED THE **BACK** OF
YOUR HEAD WITH **SPILLED INK**, SO
I'D KNOW YOU WHEN I SAW YOU!
NOW—LET'S GET GOING TO THE
JAIL!

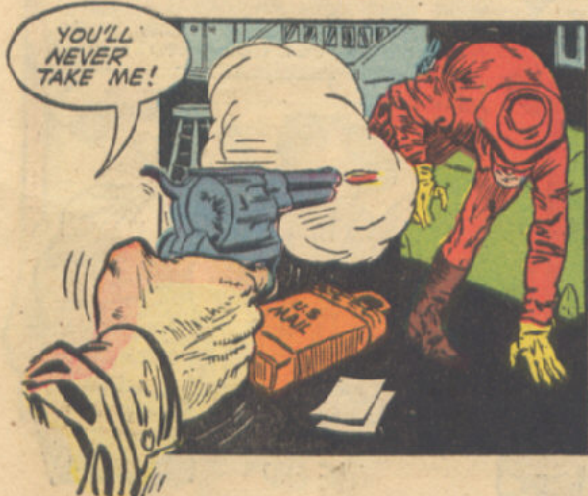


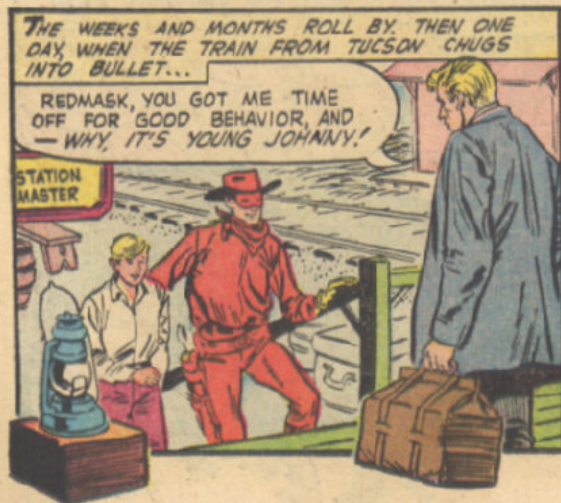
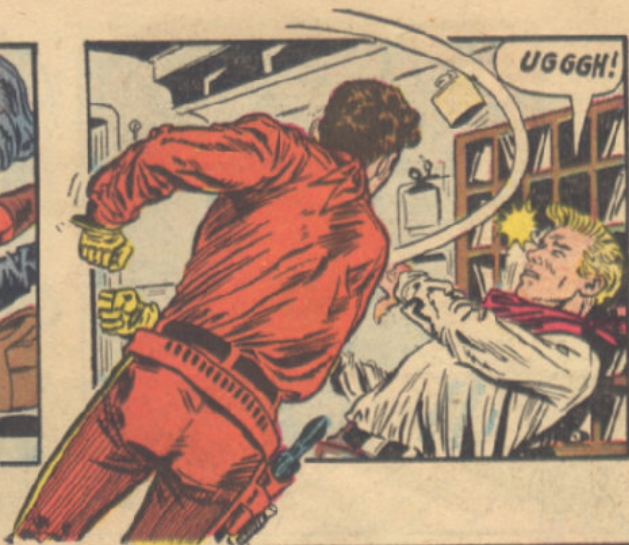
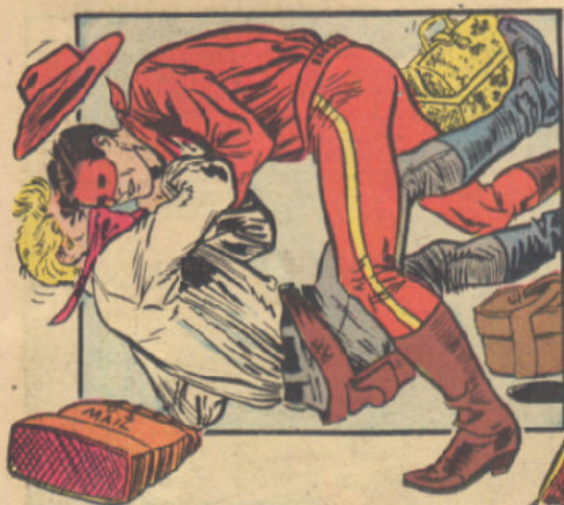
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FOR HALF A YEAR, REDMASK HAS BEEN HUNTING DOWN THE OUTLAW KNOWN AS REBEL MOORE, BANDIT LEADER. BUT WHEN HE CATCHES UP WITH HIM AT LAST, IN THE BAGGAGE CAR OF THE UNION PACIFIC TRAIN, EVEN REDMASK DOES NOT REALIZE THAT HIS DEALINGS WITH THE BADMAN ARE JUST BEGINNING. ONLY MUCH LATER IS HE TO LEARN THE QUEER SECRET OF THIS MAN, AND TAKE UP THE GRIM TRAIL THAT THREATENS TO BRING HIM DEATH, INSTEAD OF —

"THE LOOT OF TEXAS JACK"





ON THE LITTLE RANCH JUST BEYOND MASS-
ACRE PASS, REBEL MOORE IS LIKE A NEW
MAN—

REB, THAT OL' HAWK
IS AFTER THE CHICKENS
AGAIN!

DON'T LET IT
BOTHER YOU,
BOY!

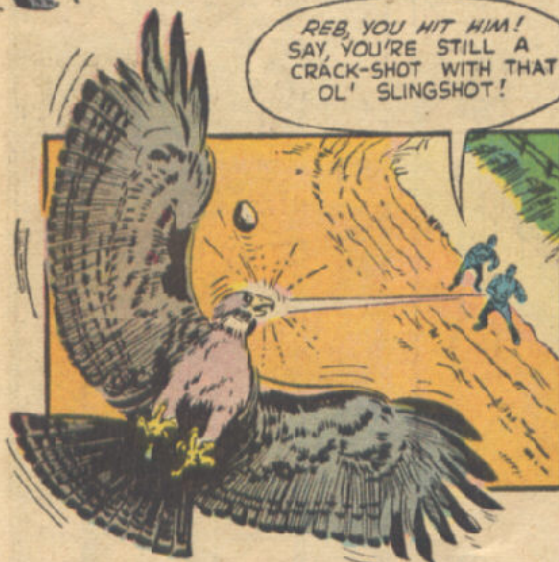


GRAB YOUR SLINGSHOT,
JOHNNY. WHEN WE WAS
BOYS, WE USED TO BE
PRETTY GOOD WITH
THESE.

YEAH. USING A
SLINGSHOT AND
STONE TO KILL
THAT SHARP-
SKINNED HAWK
WILL SAVE US THE
COST OF BULLETS!

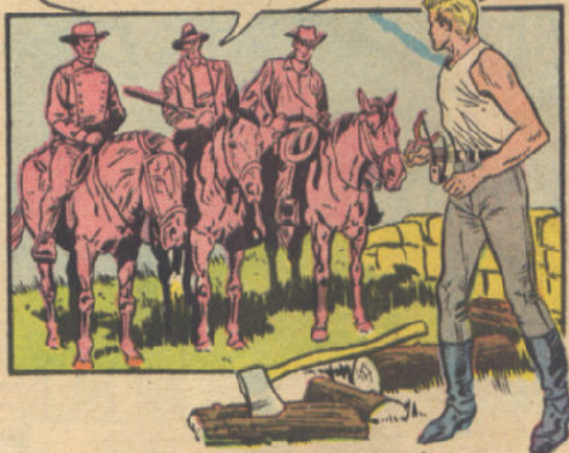


REB, YOU HIT HIM!
SAY, YOU'RE STILL A
CRACK-SHOT WITH THAT
OL' SLINGSHOT!



A CRACK-SHOT WITH
A SLINGSHOT, MEBBE. BUT
A RIFLE OUTSHOTS A
SLINGSHOT ANY DAY!

CHILIBEAN
JACKSON!

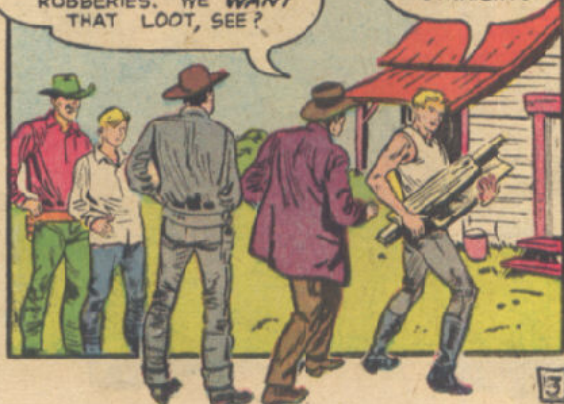


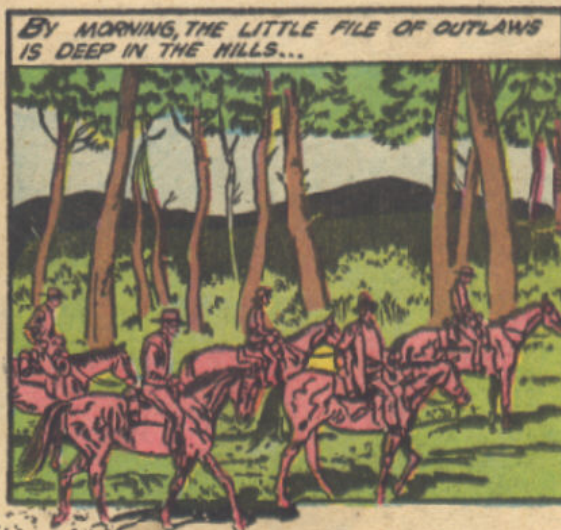
GLAD TO SEE YOU KNOW YOUR
OLD PALS, REBEL... KID, MEET
SOME FRIENDS OF YORE BROTHER.
UTAH JONES AND MIKE HALIKETT.
WE ALL USED TO RIDE WITH
TEXAS JACK, THE TRAIN-ROBBER,
SOME YEARS BACK.



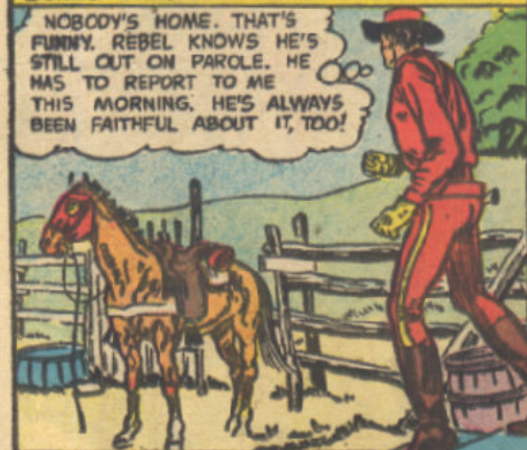
THAT'S THE REASON FOR THE VISIT, REBEL.
YOU WAS TEXAS JACK'S RIGHT-
HAND MAN. ONLY YOU AND
HIM KNOWS WHERE YOU HID
THE LOOT OF ALL HIS
ROBBERIES. WE WANT
THAT LOOT, SEE?

SORRY,
I'VE GONE
STRAIGHT!





BEHIND THEM AT THE MOORE RANCH HOUSE...



LATE THAT AFTERNOON, AS THE SUN'S RAYS MAKE A CRIMSON GLORY OF THE HIGH, ROCKY COUNTRY BEYOND BUFFALO FLATS—

LOOK BACK THERE, CHILIBEAN. A RIDER MAKING FAST TRACKS AFTER US!

LOOKS LIKE REDMASK FROM HERE! IF IT IS, YOU WAIT AND PUT A BULLET IN HIS HEAD!

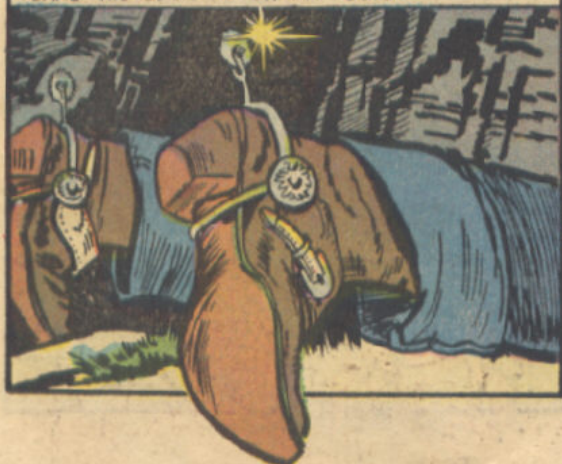


LEAVING UTAH JONES BEHIND TO KILL REDMASK, THE OUTLAWS RIDE ON. UTAH IS A CRACK SHOT. THEY FEEL PERFECTLY SAFE...

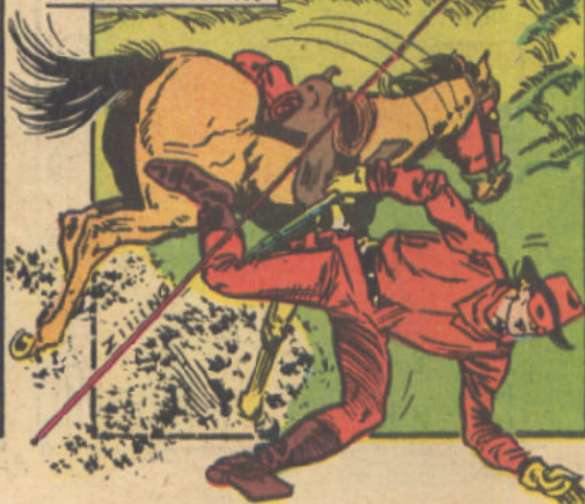
I'LL LET HIM GET CLEAR, SO THERE'S NO CHANCE OF MISSING! GOT HIM RIGHT IN MY SIGHTS. ONE MORE MINUTE, NOW— AND REDMASK IS A DEAD MAN!



AS HE SHIFTS TO FOLLOW THE ONCOMING REDMASK WITH HIS WINCHESTER RIFLE, UTAH MOVES HIS BOOT, AND THE DYING SUNLIGHT TURNS HIS SPUR TO BRIGHT GOLD—



REDMASK IS ALERT. HIS EYE CATCHES THE TWINKLE OF BRIGHT LIGHT...



GOT HIM!



THE OUTLAWS RIDE ALL NIGHT LONG. BY MORNING—

THAT BLASTED REDMASK GOT UTAH! REBEL, IT'S UP TO YOU TO KILL REDMASK IF YOU DON'T—JOHNNY DIES!

I'LL DO WHAT YOU ASK. I'LL KILL REDMASK FOR YOU...



THIS MEANS I'M GOING TO TURN OUTLAW AGAIN. WHEN THEY CATCH ME, THEY'LL HANG ME FOR MURDER!



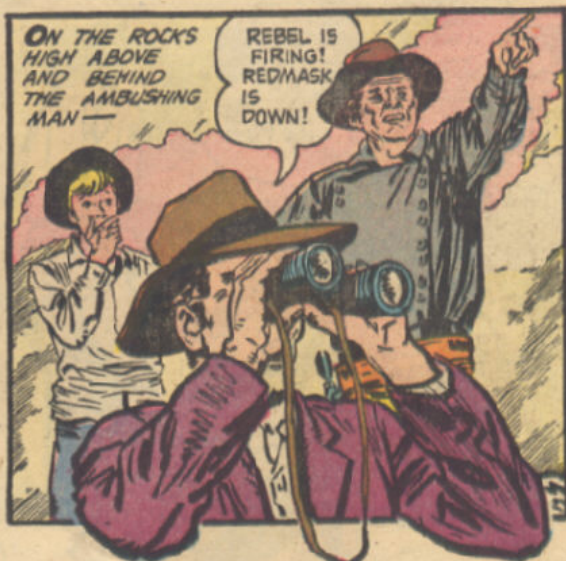
AND SO, REBEL MOORE HIDES IN AMBUSH. HIS FACE IS CONTORTED WITH DESPAIR. HE MUST KILL THE MAN WHO HAS BEFRIENDED HIM!

I DON'T WANT TO KILL REDMASK, BUT I CAN'T SEE MY BROTHER DIE EITHER WHAT ELSE CAN I DO? I'VE GOT TO KILL HIM...!

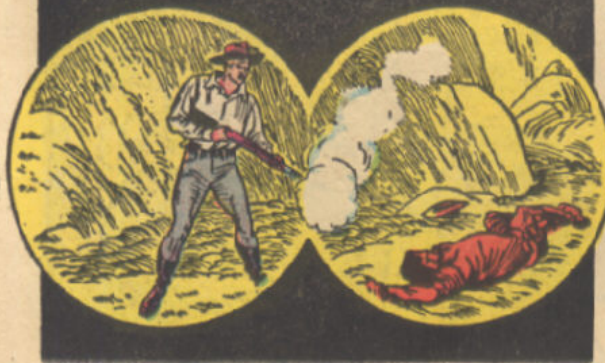


ON THE ROCKS HIGH ABOVE AND BEHIND THE AMBUSHING MAN—

REBEL IS FIRING! REDMASK IS DOWN!

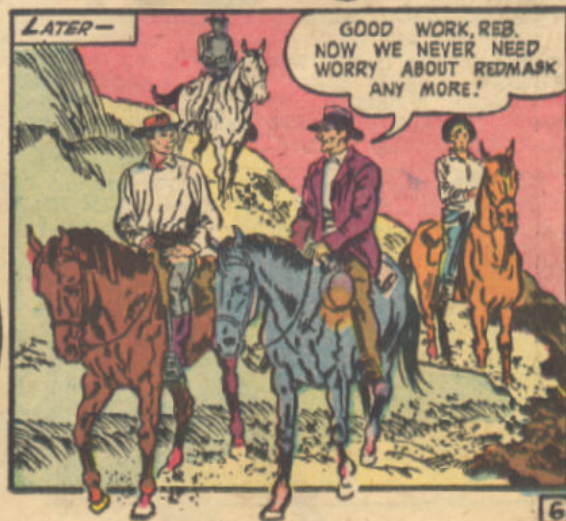


AS CHILIBEAN JACKSON GRINS CRUELLY, REBEL MOORE STANDS OVER THE FALLEN REDMASK AND PUMPS FOUR BULLETS DOWN AT HIM...



LATER—

GOOD WORK, REB. NOW WE NEVER NEED WORRY ABOUT REDMASK ANY MORE!



BY MOUNTAIN TRAILS AND FOREST PATHS, REBEL BRINGS THE OUTLAW BAND TO A SMALL DELAPIDATED SHACK...

HERE IT IS. THE LOOT YOU WANT IS JUST UNDER THE FLOOR BOARDS!

LET'S GO, MIKE!



UNBUCKLE YOUR GUNBELTS! DON'T MAKE ME SHOOT!

I-I DON'T UNDERSTAND. I SAW REBEL SHOOT YOU! I SAW HIM PUT FOUR BULLETS IN YOUR HEAD, LESS THAN THREE FEET FROM YOUR FACE!



NO! IT CAN'T BE!

I-I DON'T BELIEVE IT!



SURE, I SHOT REDMASK—BUT WITH MY **SLINGSHOT!** THE STONE ONLY KNOCKED HIM OUT. I FIRED MY RIFLE INTO THE AIR AT THE SAME TIME, TO MAKE YOU THINK I SHOT HIM WITH THAT!

WHEN I RECOVERED CONSCIOUSNESS, I DISCOVERED REBEL STANDING OVER ME, A

RIFLE IN HIS HAND. WHILE HE PUMPED BULLETS INTO THE GROUND NEAR MY HEAD, HE TOLD ME WHAT YOU WERE MAKING HIM DO. HE TOLD ME WHERE THIS SHACK WAS. I RODE FAST TO BEAT YOU HERE!



I RECKON YOU KNOW I WAS ONE OF TEXAS JACK'S GANG NOW, REDMASK. I NEVER SERVED TIME FOR THOSE ROBBERIES. IF YOU WANT TO TAKE ME IN, FOR THAT AND BREAKING MY PAROLE...

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? TAKE YOU IN? WHY, YOU'VE TURNED

TEXAS JACK'S LOOT AND HIS OLD GANG OVER TO ME, HAVEN'T YOU?



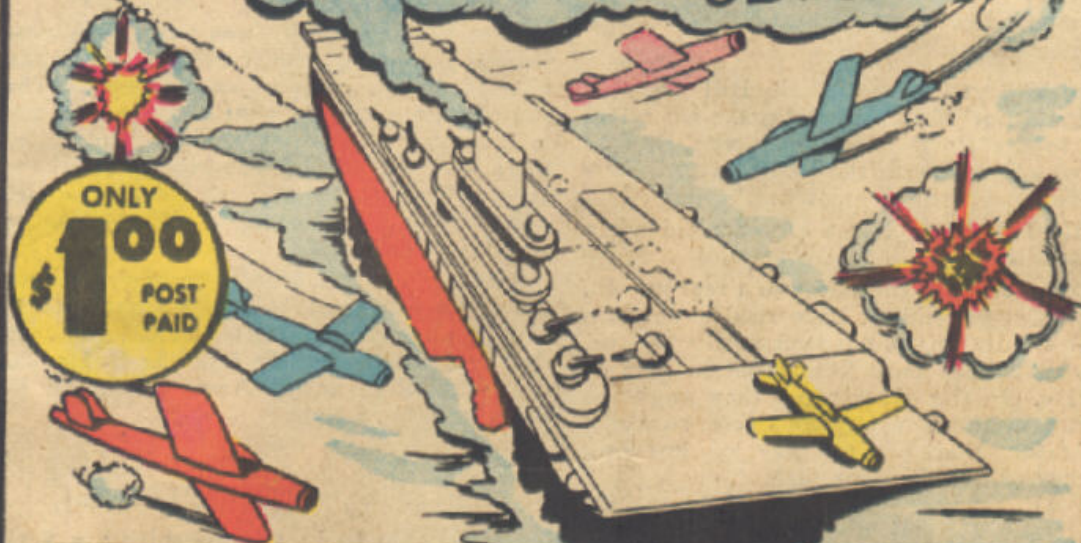
SIGH YES SIR, JOHNNY! THERE GOES A REAL MAN, THAT REDMASK!



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REDMASK'S CAVE

Dear Readers:

Although we have repeatedly explained that we cannot write personal answers to questions—because the volume of mail is too heavy—some readers still ask for such personal replies. Likewise, we have stated several times that we are not yet in a position to send out photographs or drawings of Redmask or other Western stars; yet people keep asking for them. When we are able to do so, we'll make an announcement in the magazine. Meanwhile, please be patient. . . .

REDMASK

To: Gary Nicolson, no address; Edyth Perryman, Sweetwater, Texas; Nicky Baracia, no address.

I believe you have Buffalo Bill Cody in mind and not Wild Bill Hickok, with reference to the Pony Express. It was Buffalo Bill who served with the Pony Express during its short term of existence.

Wild Bill Hickok was 39 years old when he was killed.

Although Billy the Kid was a real person, the stories you might have read about him in the comics might not necessarily be true. They may have been fictionized in part or entirely. On the other hand, they might be all true. Without seeing the stories to which you refer, there is no way of knowing whether or not they are real.

To: Dolly Geraldine Holder, Hawkinsville, Georgia

Your questions about movie stars would be better answered by the publicity department of their motion picture companies. Tim Holt is married, but as for the other stars you mention, we do not keep files on them.

Remember—we deal with the WEST, not the movies. If you have questions about old time western data, we will get it for you, but the movies as such do not come under our scope. I am sure that you, Dolly, and all you other movie fans, will understand.

To: Inez Cappel, Memphis, Tennessee

Your best chance of learning whether Sunset Carson is going to make western movies for TV, after leaving the movies, would be to write to his old studio, asking them for information. I am sure they will forward your inquiry to him.

To: Ray Le Breton, Chatham, N.B., Canada

John Wesley Hardin was one of the most famous gunmen who ever came out of Texas. His speed with a sixgun was proverbial. The son of a minister, he went bad when he got in a gunfight with five soldiers and killed them all. After killing a sheriff, he sought to flee to Florida, but a Texas Ranger captain went after him and brought him back under arrest, to stand trial.

Sentenced to jail, Hardin served only four years. He was pardoned, then went back to being an outlaw. He rustled cattle, gambled, shot and killed when he felt like it. He was shot and killed in the Acme Saloon in El Paso by John Selman.

To: Irma Millet, Winnsboro, Louisiana

Don Diablo is, in all probability, a fictitious character. The files on outlaws and lawmen of the old west in the Cave contain no reference to him.

To: Patricia A. Rourke, Bushnell, Illinois

Some books on cowboys and Indians that might be of particular interest to you are: *Trail Driving Days* by Brown and Schmitt (this is an oversize book, that would be in a special place in your library, and not on the usual shelves), *Cattle* by Raines and Barnes, *Death on Horseback* by Paul Wellman, *Fighting Indians of the West* by Brown and Schmitt (this is another oversize volume, companion to the trail-driving book), *Come and Get It* by Ramon Adams, this being the story of a trail drive and cattle roundup cook.

I am certain that the librarian in your local library would be only too happy to suggest other titles for your research.

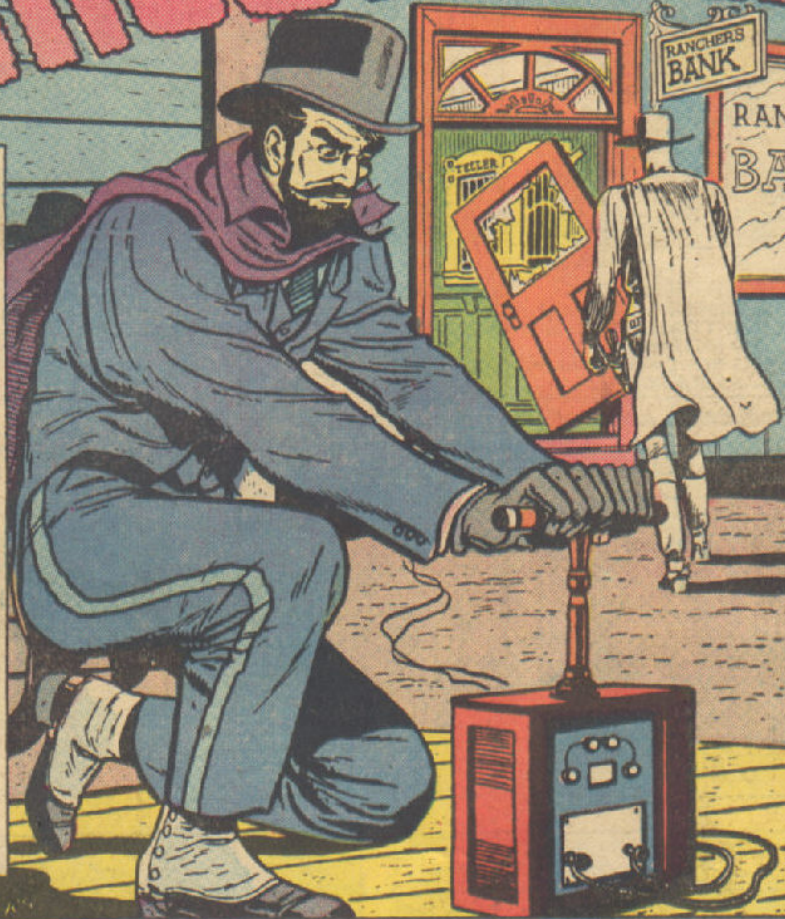
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GHOST RIDER

OF ALL THE GHOST RIDER'S ADVERSARIES, **MAGICO** IS THE MOST TO BE FEARED! THE MAN HAS A THOUSAND EVIL SKILLS... AND HIS WHOLE BEING IS THROBBING FOR VENGEANCE! WILL **THE GHOST RIDER** DETECT THE FATAL TRAP LAID FOR HIM... OR WILL HE ENTER AND DIE AS A RESULT OF

THE RETURN OF MAGICO?

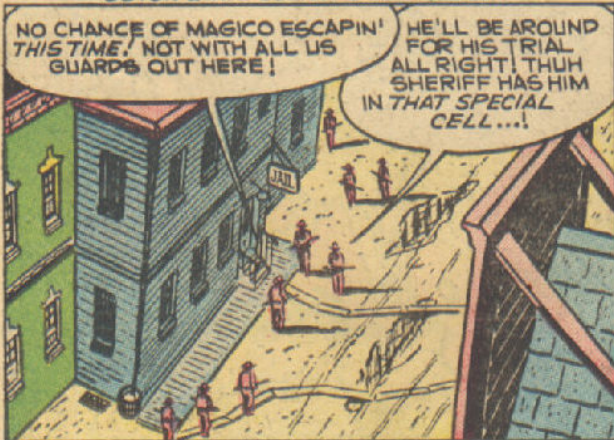
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OUTSIDE THE COUNTY JAIL-HOUSE....

NO CHANCE OF MAGICO ESCAPIN' THIS TIME! NOT WITH ALL US GUARDS OUT HERE!

HE'LL BE AROUND FOR HIS TRIAL ALL RIGHT! THUH SHERIFF HAS HIM IN THAT SPECIAL CELL....!



I'LL GET OUT SOMEHOW... AND WHEN I DO, I'LL MAKE SURE **THE GHOST RIDER** NEVER LIVES TO HAUL ME IN AGAIN...!

NO USE PLANNIN' ANYTHING, MAGICO! MORE GUARDS OUTSIDE THAN FLEAS ON A BUFFALO... AND DON'T FORGET—THAT'S A SPECIAL CELL YOU'RE IN...!



AT THAT MOMENT, JUST NORTH OF TOWN—



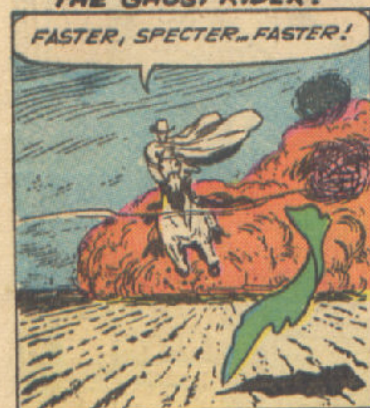
LIKE A GIANT FIST, THE TORNADO CRASHES ITS WAY UP MAIN STREET...



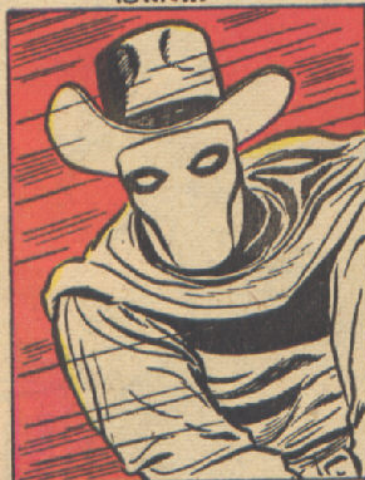
...BEARING BRASS KNUCKLES LABELLED DESTRUCTION AND TERROR!



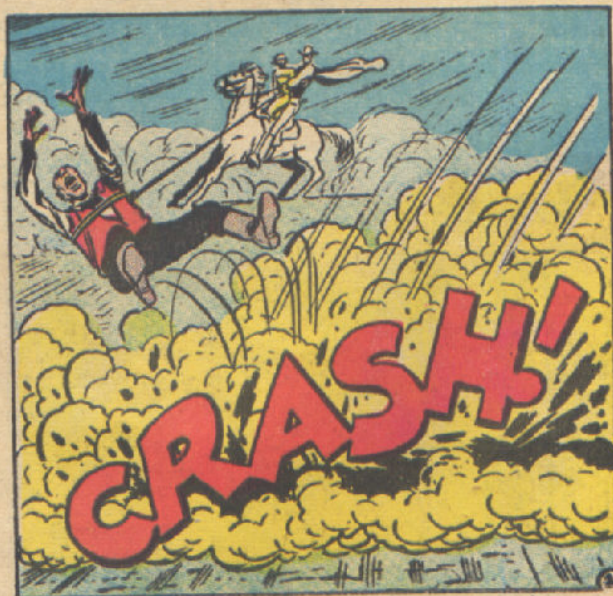
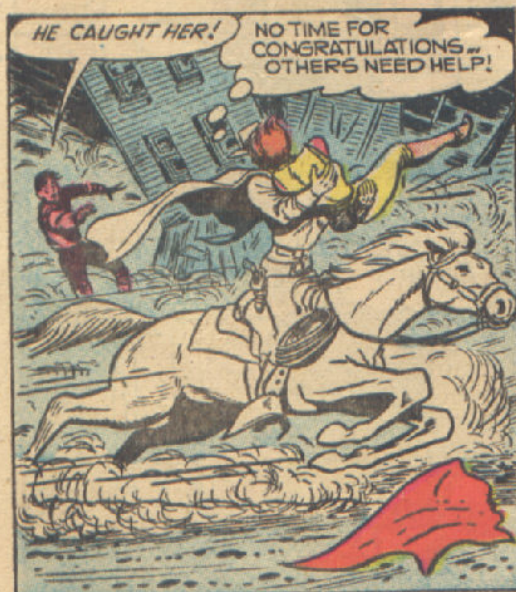
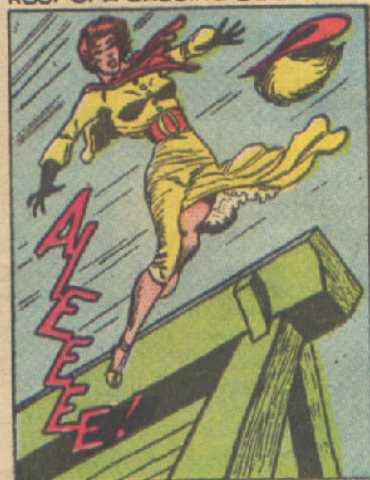
PITEOUS CRIES FOR HELP RISE ABOVE THE SHRIEKING WIND... AND OUT OF THE NIGHT GALLOPS THE GRIM-VISAGED FIGURE WHO IS THE FEARLESS FOE OF ALL EVIL—
THE GHOST RIDER!



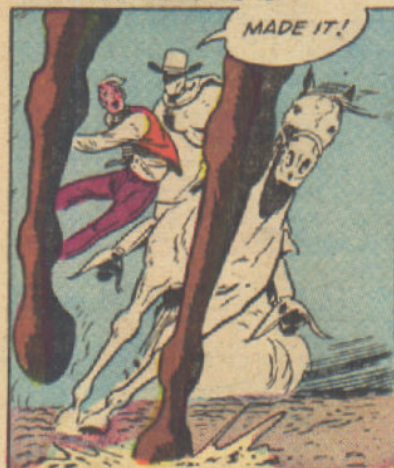
BUT EVEN AS HE NEARS THE TOWN...



A WOMAN IS FALLING FROM THE ROOF OF A SAGGING BUILDING!



AND THEN, JUST AS ANOTHER MAN IS ABOUT TO BE TRAMPLED BY A FEAR-MADDENED HORSE—



THE GHOST RIDER'S DOIN' WONDERS— BUT HE STILL NEEDS THE HELP OF EVERY ABLE-BODIED MAN! YOU DID RIGHT, DRAWIN' OFF ALL THE GUARDS BUT ONE, SHERIFF!

DON'T LIKE TO... BUT I HAVE NO CHOICE!



THE BLACK ROARING WIND KEEPS WREAKING HAVOC! AND NOW—

EVERYBODY CLEAR OFF THE STREET! THE JAIL-HOUSE IS SHAKIN'!



HERE'S MY CHANCE TO GET AWAY! THAT MASTER KEY PASTED INSIDE MY CHEEK TOOK CARE OF MY CHAINS... NOW THE CHAINS WILL HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF THE GUARD!



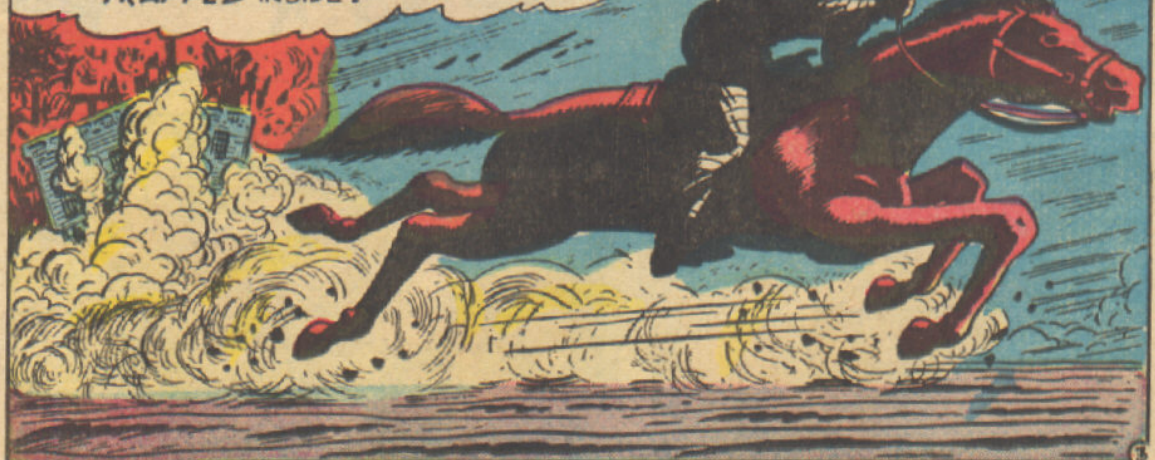
WHEN THE LONE GUARD COMES, EXPECTING TO FIND MAGICO STILL SHACKLED—



SO I DIDN'T HAVE A CHANCE, EH...? A LOT OF GOOD IT DID THEM, TRYING TO SCARE ME WITH THAT GIBBERISH ABOUT A SPECIAL CELL!



THAT'S THE JAIL-HOUSE THAT JUST COLLAPSED! IF MY LUCK HOLDS OUT, NOBODY'LL EVER EVEN KNOW I ESCAPED— THEY'LL ALL THINK I WAS TRAPPED INSIDE!

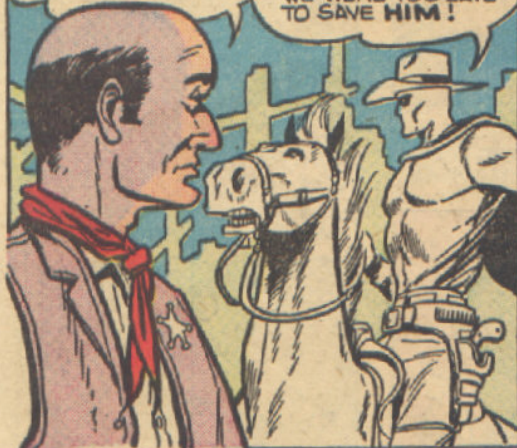


NOW THE CALM AFTER THE STORM, WITH THE MOON SHINING BLANDLY DOWN ON THE LEVELLED TOWN....



LOOKS LIKE MAGICO WON'T HAVE TO STAND TRIAL AFTER ALL!

THERE WERE SO MANY GOOD PEOPLE WHO NEEDED HELP, WE WERE TOO LATE TO SAVE HIM!



WORD OF MAGICO'S "DEATH" SPREADS LIKE WILDFIRE!

I HEARD HE WAS CRUSHED FLAT!

MUST'VE BEEN ANFUL!

SAVED US THE COST OF A HANGING, I SAY!

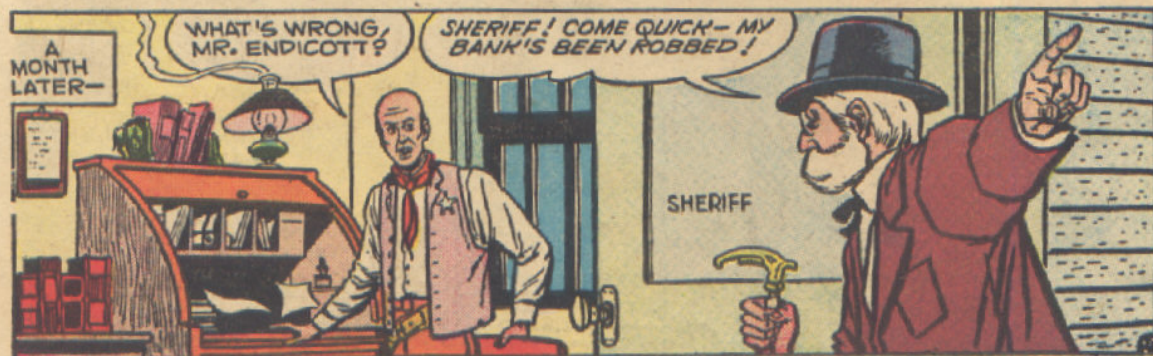


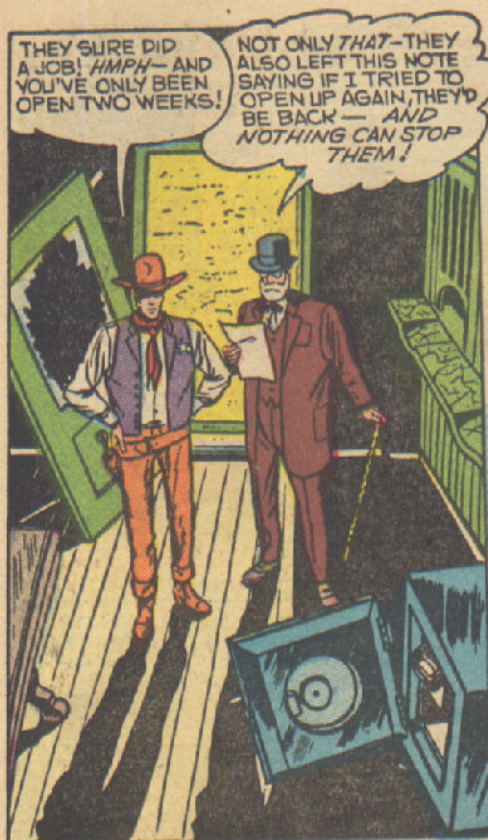
BUT IN HIS SECRET HIDEOUT, ONE MAN IS GLOATING....

JUST AS I FIGURED, EVERYBODY THINKS I'M DEAD! NOW THE GHOST RIDER'S GUARD WILL BE DOWN, AND I'LL HAVE NO TROUBLE GETTING MY REVENGE!

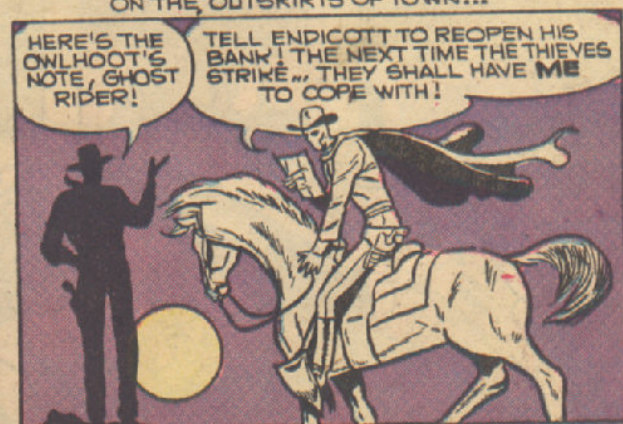


THE ONLY QUESTIONS ARE - HOW SHOULD I TRAP HIM... AND WHICH OF MY THOUSAND PERFECT DISGUISES SHOULD I USE?



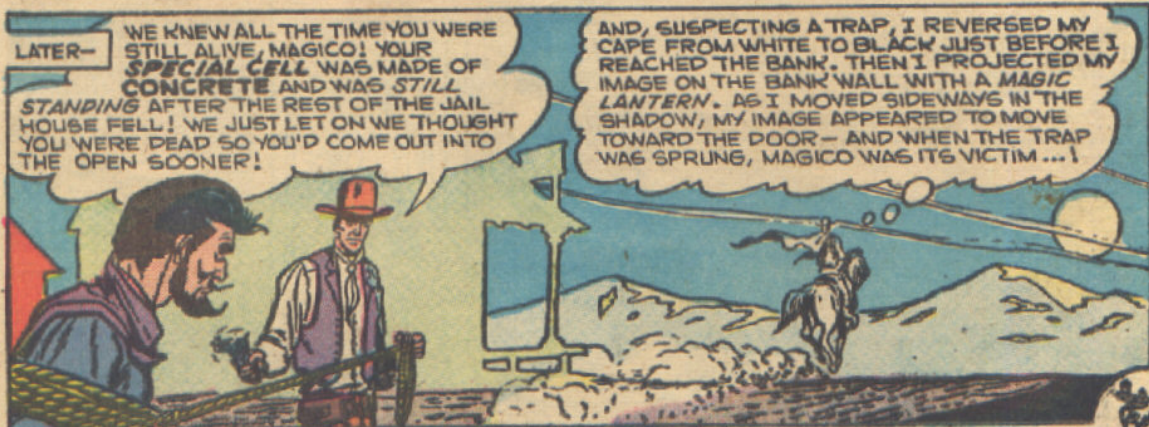
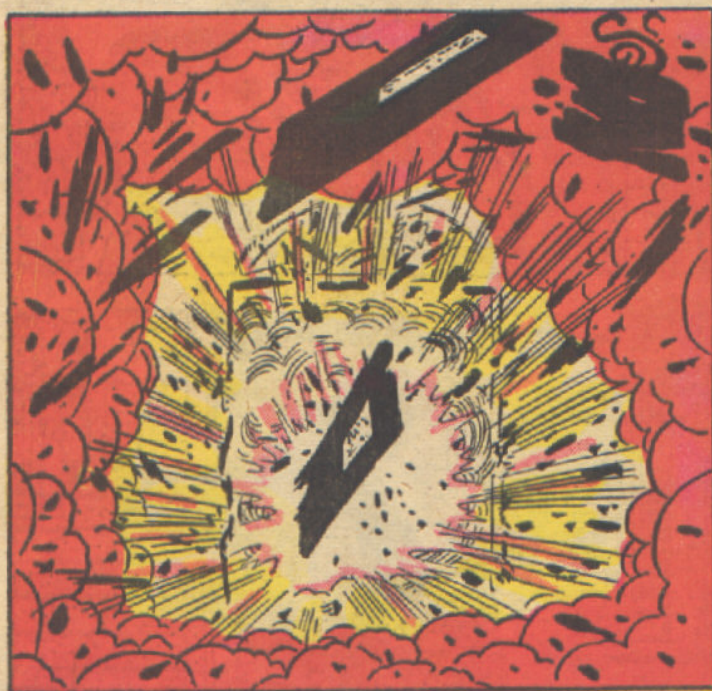


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To: John McGarritt, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania

Steve Adams is a fictitious character. He is also **STRAIGHT ARROW**, the book of that title being published by Magazine Enterprises, which also publishes **REDMASK**. He rides a big palomino horse named Fury. As Straight Arrow, he is a Comanche war chief.

To: Luke Metheny, Yonkers, N. Y.

Yes, indeed. You can make your own collection of animal tracks by making a mixture of plaster of paris and water. When you have located the track or footprint to be cast, make sure it is free of dirt and rotting leaves, then fix a little paper fence or collar around it. Pour in your plaster mixture, and let it harden. You can color the little track and hang it on your wall. A collection of these is very ornamental as well as extremely instructive.

To: Jana Tuetken, Anamosa, Iowa, Hartmus Kirche, Weyburn, Saskatchewan

Thanks for your kind words about the Black Phantom and how you enjoyed and want to see more of her tales about Redmask's Cave. I am sure there will be another one coming up real soon!

The Dakota Indians are Siouian Indians. The Siouian stock were large and important in the Indian nations. They stretched from the southeast (these tribes have since vanished) to the west. The seven Dakota tribes are: the Assiniboin, Crow, Hidatsa, Missouri, Omaha, Ponca, Kansa, Osage and Quapaw.

Another group of the Dakota Indians might be considered the Sioux Indians. Dakota is the name the Sioux call themselves.

So when you ask what were the Dakota Indians, we have a choice. Both the Siouian and the Sioux (this seems a little complex, but that's the way it is) can be considered Dakotas.

The Sioux themselves were divided into an Eastern group, comprising the Santee, Issati and Isanyati, and the Middle group, including the Yankton and Yanktonai, whose tribal name is Nakota, and the Prairie group, including the Teton, Sans Arc, Brule, Sihasapa, Miniconjou, Oglala, Hunkpapa, and Oohenonpah.

The costumes of the Sioux were the same general type as all Plains Indians: the buffalo skin robe, the shirt of soft, tanned skins, the belt of narrow skin, and the leggings. Their moccasins had hard soles and were of ankle height.

Only these Plains Indians wore the war bonnet. The bonnets with horn were worn only by the medicine men, and were called "doctor's bonnets."

They lived off the buffalo, depending on that shaggy beast for food, clothing, ornaments, medicine and toys for their children.

For further research on the Plains Indians and the Sioux, I would like to refer you to Clark Wissler's book, *Costumes of the Plains Indians*, *The Book of Indian Crafts and Indian Lore* by John C. Ewers, and *The Indian How Book* by Arthur C. Parker.

To: Clyde Hensley, Limestone, Tennessee

We do not have pictures of the men you name for distribution. We do have them on file in the Cave, however. If you are interested, I suggest you consult your local library. Many books on the old west are filled with such photographs. For instance, you can find pictures of Jesse James, his killer, Bob Ford, and the entire James gang on the dust cover of the book *Desperate Men* by James D. Horan. You will also find pictures of the James gang and the Ford boys and other outlaws on the inside pages of this book.

For pictures of Wild Bill Hickok, Billy the Kid, Pat Garret, Bat Masterson, Henry Starr, Bill Tilghman, Rose of the Cimarron, Jesse James and the Dalton boys, see *Hands Up* by A. B. MacDonald. This book may be hard to locate: it is one of the treasured reference works of the Cave!

To: Richard Freedman, Trenton, New Jersey

Most of your questions on Jesse James, Wild Bill Hickok and Billy the Kid have already been answered in former issues of Redmask's Cave. To repeat them would take up too much space. I am sure you will be able to locate back issues from your friends, and get the information you seek from the Redmask's Caves in them.

Wild Bill Hickok was married. He carried Peacemaker Colts.

Billy the Kid was left-handed. He was killed on the Maxwell ranch by Pat Garret.

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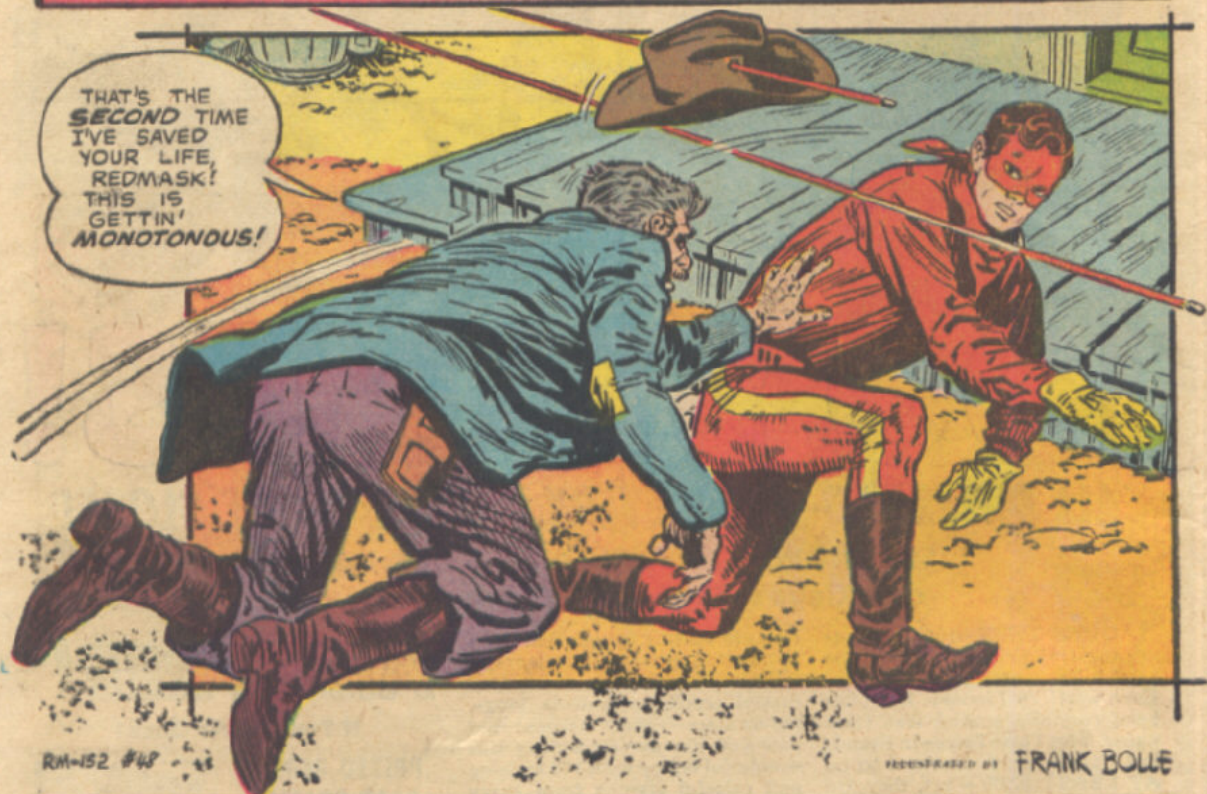
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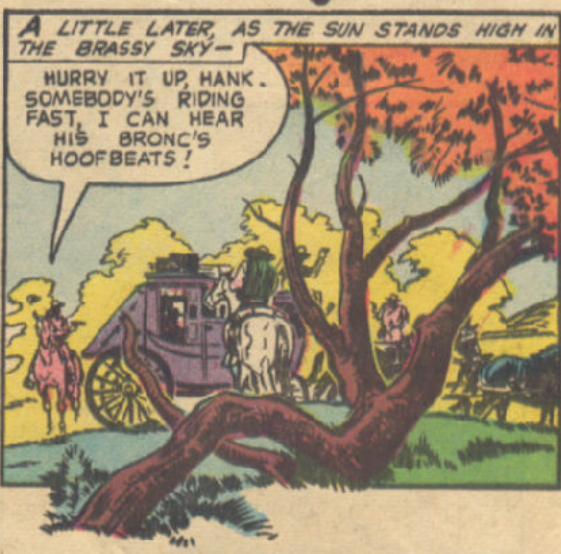
BULLETS SLAM INTO SUN-BAKED ADOBE AS A GANG OF OUTLAWS POUR FROM THE BULLET BANK—

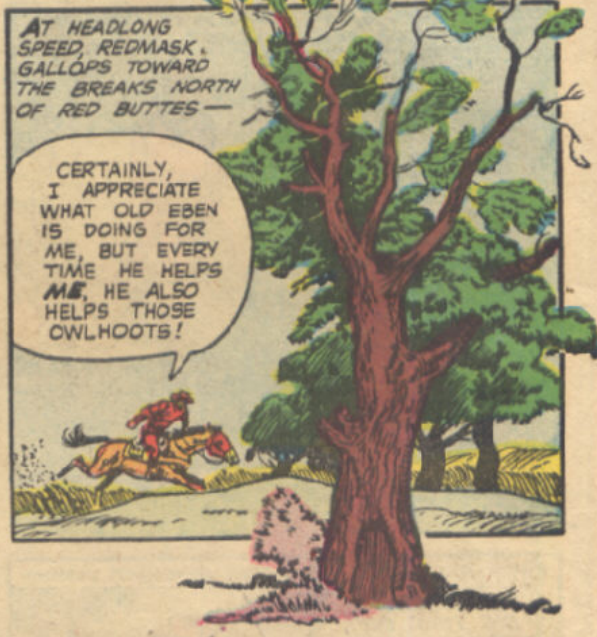


SUDDENLY—!

REDMASK—
LOOK OUT!









MOMENTS LATER—

DOGGONE! I SURE AM SORRY, REDMASK! I SAVED YOUR LIFE, ALL RIGHT—THOSE OWLHOOTS WOULD HAVE KILLED YOU, BUT I SCARED 'EM OFF!



LOOKS LIKE YOU DROPPED YOUR WALLET IN THE EXCITEMENT. HERE IT IS!



HE'S SUCH A CHEERFUL OLD GENT. HOW CAN I TELL HIM I WISH HE'D **STOP** SAVING ME WITHOUT HURTING HIS FEELINGS?

HUH! WHAT'S THIS? ...HMMM... BETTER NOT SAY ANYTHING ABOUT IT....!



FOR SEVERAL DAYS, REDMASK BROODS IN HIS CAVE—

I'VE GOT TO BRING IN THOSE ROBBERS, BUT WHAT AM I GOING TO DO ABOUT OLD EBEN? SEEMS HE CONSIDERS HIS JOB IN LIFE IS TO RESCUE ME FROM ALL AND EVERY DANGER I RUN INTO!



THAT NIGHT, IN THE STREETS OF BULLET...

A HOLDUP IN THE FEDERAL QUEEN—AND ALL THE COWBOYS IN TOWN AFTER PAYDAY!



I'LL GIVE THOSE HOMBRES A LITTLE SURPRISE!

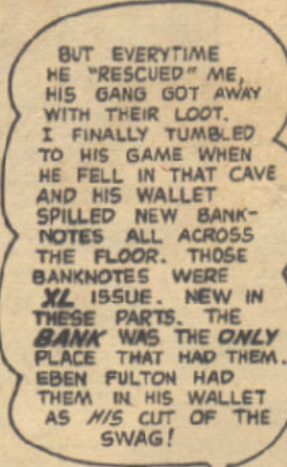
REDMASK! I'LL KEEP AN EYE ON YOU!!



OHhhh!

NO, THANKS! THIS IS ONE TIME I'M GOING TO DO THINGS MY WAY!





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